

minutes



Meeting PENSIONS INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Date Friday, 13th June 2008 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Chris Baron	A	Ken Rigby
John Carter	A	Stella Smedley
Michael J Cox		John Stocks
Mrs Kay Cutts		Mick Storey
Thomas A J Pettengell		David Taylor
Sheila Place		

Nottingham City Council

Councillor Alan Clark
Councillor David Liversidge
Councillor Tony Sutton

Nottinghamshire Local Authorities' Association

Executive Mayor Tony Egginton
Councillor Michael Rich

Trades Unions

Mr J Dunstan (non-voting)
A Mr J Hall

Scheduled Bodies

Mr N Timms

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. J. M. Corlett	-	Independent Advisor
Mr P Middleman	-	Mercer Limited
Mr. M. Hersee)	Hermes Focus Funds
Ms. C. Scott)	

Mr. S. Howaldt)
Mr. Nigel Davies) Hermes Focus Funds

ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: 2008/030

That Councillor Mick Storey be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED: 2008/031

That Councillor David Taylor be appointed Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that there had been no changes to the membership of the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: 2008/032

That the membership of the Sub-Committee be noted.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 2nd May 2008, having been circulated previously, were confirmed and signed by the Chair subject to it being noted under the apologies for absence that Councillor Alan Clark was from Nottingham City Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Ken Rigby
Councillor Stella Smedley - on other County Council business

Mr. J. Hall.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT STATEMENT

RESOLVED: 2008/033

That the revised statement on responsible investment be noted.

PROXY VOTING 2008

Consideration was given to a report on the voting of equity holdings in quarter one of 2008.

RESOLVED: 2008/034

That the report be noted.

CONSULTATION ON UPDATING THE MYNERS PRINCIPLES

Consideration was given to a report which set out a proposed response to the Government's consultation on updating the Myners Principles.

RESOLVED: 2008/035

That the response to the Government consultation on updating the Myners Principles, attached to the report, be endorsed.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PENSION FUNDS CONFERENCE – INVESTING TODAY, SECURING TOMORROW – MARCH 2008

RESOLVED: 2008/036

That the report be noted.

FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT

Consideration was given to a report outlining the revised funding strategy statement.

RESOLVED: 2008/037

That the revised funding strategy statement be approved.

PENSION FUNDS ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORTS

Paul Middleman from Mercers gave a presentation to the Sub-Committee on the results of the actuarial valuations of the Nottinghamshire County Council Pension Fund and the Nottinghamshire Admission Agreement Pension Fund as at 31st March 2007.

He indicated that the aim was to get the market value of assets back to 100%, the recovery period for the Main Fund was 20 years and the Admission Agreement Fund 17 years. There would be up to a four year transition (phasing) for contributions from employers to balance affordability with a view to cash flow. An allowance had been made for longevity and it was expected that this was a trend which would continue. He referred to the market impact on funding which was that the markets had been in turmoil and was still significantly down on 2007. Forward looking inflation expectations were up compared with 2007. With regard to the future of the local government pension scheme he indicated that there was continuing discussions over the

new-look scheme and further changes were predicted over the next five years.

In response to questions from Members, Paul Middleman stated that they were looking at the health of the fund to determine the employers contribution. He added that it was a good scheme but was expensive and it needed to be affordable.

RESOLVED: 2008/038

That the report be noted.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2008/039

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

With regard to the position of those persons in attendance at the meeting, it was further:-

RESOLVED: 2008/040

That, arising from the above, Mr. J. M. Corlett and Mr. J. Dunstan be authorised to remain in the meeting and that representatives of the Hermes Focus Funds be authorised to attend the meeting when dealing with their report.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

RESOLVED: 2008/041

That the decisions in respect of the following items be as shown in the exempt appendix to these minutes:-

- Exempt appendix to the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2008
- Asset Liability Study
- Managers report in relation to Hermes Focus Funds.

The meeting closed at 12.21 pm.

CHAIR

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